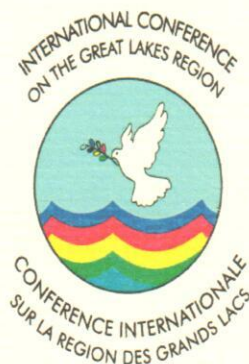


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SUR LA RÉGION DES GRANDS LACS

**DECLARATION OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE  
MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT  
LAKES REGION (ICGLR) ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EASTERN  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)**

**5th EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND  
GOVERNMENT**

**KAMPALA, UGANDA,  
24<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

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## PREAMBLE

**We, Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)**, meeting in Kampala, Uganda, on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012, at the invitation of H.E. President Yoweri Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda and Chairperson of the ICGLR, to discuss the security situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo;

**Recalling** the decisions of our previous Extraordinary Summits, held in Addis-Ababa on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012, and Kampala on 7-8 August 2012, on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 and again on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in particular the decisions to establish the Neutral International Force to combat negative forces in Eastern DRC in line with the mandate derived from the ICGLR Pact on Security Stability and Development and its relevant instruments, and the establishment of the Humanitarian Trust Fund;

**Reiterating** the primary responsibility of the region to find lasting solutions to peace and security challenges in the region;

**Cognisant** of the gravity of the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo that constitutes a serious threat to peace, security, stability and development in the entire Great Lakes Region;

**Having received** reports from the Committee of Ministers of Defence and the Regional Inter ministerial Committee (RIMC) on the security situation in Eastern DRC, in particular the Concept of Operations for the Neutral International Force;

**Gravely concerned** about the advance and capture of the city of Goma and the town of Sake in Kivu Province, of the DRC, by the M23 rebel movement in spite of the directive of the previous Summits of ICGLR to cease hostilities and remain in positions they occupied in July 2012;

**Recalling our firm** commitment to the **ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region** of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and its related **Protocols**;

**Appreciating** the statement and offer of support by the representative of the UN Secretary General;

**Welcoming** the offer of support by the Republic of South Africa to the Neutral International Force;

**HEREBY DECIDE AS FOLLOWS:**

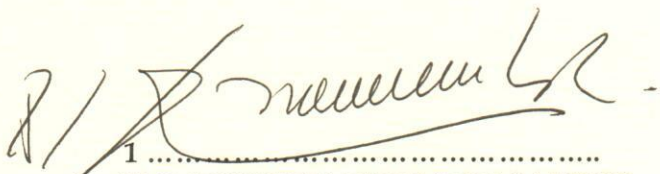
**I/ Security Situation in Eastern DRC**

1. The DRC Government to listen, evaluate and resolve the legitimate grievances of M23 including taking into account the report of the work already done by the ICGLR;
2. M23 to stop expanding the war forthwith and stop talk of overthrowing an elected Government;
3. M23 to stop all war activities and withdraw from Goma;
4. M23 to withdraw from current positions to the ground of tactical importance not less than 20km from Goma town within 2 days;
5. At Goma airport, deploy a Composite Force comprising: one company-Neutral Force, One company-FARDC and the DRC army and one company-M23;
6. In Goma town, to deploy one battalion of FARDC and the DRC national police (those that were deployed there before);
7. The Police that were disarmed in Goma by M23 to be rearmed so that they resume duty;
8. MONUSCO to occupy and provide security in the neutral zone between Goma and the new areas occupied by M23;
9. This process shall be supervised by Chiefs of Defence of Rwanda, DRC and led by the Chief of Defence Forces of Uganda, with the participation of other Chiefs of Defence Staff from other member states;
10. Expressed gratitude to the Republic of South Africa for the offer to provide logistical support to the Neutral International Force;
11. Support the efforts of the Chairperson of the ICGLR to secure resources from South Africa, Nigeria, Algeria, Angola, DRC, the AU, the UN and other partners for the NIF;

12. Appreciate the offer by the Government of Tanzania on the request of the Chair, to provide a Force Commander for the Neutral International Force;

## **II/ Admission of South Sudan to the ICGLR**


13. Approve the application of the Republic of South Sudan to the ICGLR, and accordingly amend the ICGLR Pact to admit South Sudan as the 12<sup>th</sup> Member State of the ICGLR.

  
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President of the Republic of Angola


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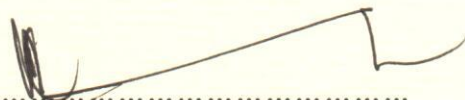
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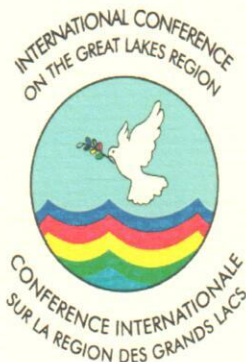
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**Declaration on Amendment of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) related to the Accession of the Republic of South Sudan to ICGLR Membership**

We, Heads of State and Government of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) meeting in Kampala, Uganda, on 24 November 2012, during the Extraordinary Summit called to consider the security situation in Eastern DRC;

**RECALLING** our Decision made during the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Summit held in Kampala, Uganda, on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in respect to the Admission of the Republic of South Sudan as a member of the ICGLR;

**CONSIDERING** the Uganda Proposal for amendment of the Pact dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 as submitted by H.E Sam K. Kutesa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uganda, and Chairperson of the Regional Inter- Ministerial Committee on behalf of the Uganda Government;

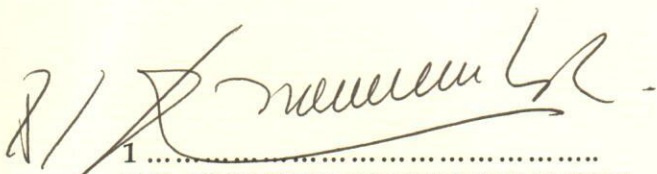
**FURTHER** considering the communiqué of the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee Meeting (RIMC) held in Kampala, Uganda, on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 regarding the Accession to ICGLR membership of the Republic of South Sudan;

**IN CONFORMITY** with Article 34 of the ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region;

**Hereby:**

1. Adopt the Uganda Proposal submitted on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to amend the Pact to pave way for the membership of the Republic of South Sudan to the ICGLR;
2. Henceforth the relevant Article 1(b) and (d) of the Pact shall read as follows;
  - a) Article 1 (b) Great Lakes Region: “The region composed of the whole of the territories of the *twelve* core Member States of the Conference”.
  - b) 1(d) Member States: “The twelve core Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, namely: Republic of Angola, Republic of Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Rwanda, *Republic of South Sudan*, Republic of the Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Uganda, and the Republic of Zambia;”


**Done in Kampala, Uganda, on 24 November 2012 in the English and French Languages both texts being equally authentic.**

  
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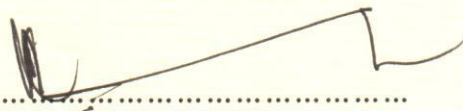
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